

**Employment Status for the Civilian Population  
District of Columbia, Suburban Ring, and the Washington, D.C. PMSA  
August 2004/a**

					Net Change From	
	Aug./b 2004	July/c 2004	Aug./d 2003	July/d 2003	July/c 2004	Aug./d 2003
<b>Washington, D.C.</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	304,400	308,100	306,100	314,000	-3,700	-1,700
Total Employed	281,200	282,700	283,900	290,300	-1,500	-2,700
Total Unemployed	23,200	25,500	22,200	23,700	-2,300	1,000
Unemployment Rate e/	7.6	8.3	7.3	7.6	-0.7	0.3
<b>Suburban Ring</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,636,700	2,666,900	2,576,100	2,604,000	-30,200	60,600
Total Employed	2,564,500	2,594,500	2,497,100	2,521,500	-30,000	67,400
Total Unemployed	72,200	72,300	79,000	82,500	-100	-6,800
Unemployment Rate e/	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.2	0.0	-0.4
<b>Washington, D.C. PMSA</b>						
Civilian Labor Force	2,941,100	2,975,000	2,882,200	2,918,000	-33,900	58,900
Total Employed	2,845,700	2,877,200	2,781,000	2,811,800	-31,500	64,700
Total Unemployed	95,400	97,800	101,200	106,200	-2,400	-5,800
Unemployment Rate e/	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	-0.1	-0.3

a/ Data may not add to the totals due to independent rounding.

b/ Preliminary.

c/ Revised.

d/ Data reflect 2003 benchmark revisions.

e/ Seasonally unadjusted.

Estimated Labor Force and Employment for the Washington Metropolitan Area includes the District of Columbia, the Virginia Cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, Fairfax, and Fredericksburg; the Virginia Counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Prince William, Loudoun, Stafford, Clarke, Warren, Fauquier, Culpeper, Spotsylvania, and King George; the Maryland Counties of Montgomery, Prince Georges, Charles, Frederick, and Calvert; and the West Virginia Counties of Berkeley and Jefferson.

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